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U.S. Fire Administrator Cochran to Visit

U.S. Fire Administrator Kelvin Cochran will visit Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Dec. 9 to meet with fire department chiefs from across Ohio.

The meeting is being organized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA), the Columbus Division of Fire and the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Metro Committee.

The meeting will give Cochran an opportunity to outline his strategic initiatives and challenges at the federal level and learn more about the role of Ohio's fire services in emergency services response, according to the organizers.

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Kelvin Cochran

Somali Group Discusses MORPC Evacuation Planning

The Dec. 3 meeting of the Citizen Preparedness Subcommittee of the Franklin County Government Somali Work Group included a guided discussion of emergency evacuation planning for the area's Somali community.

The discussion was part of a Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) project to create a seven-county regional emergency evacuation plan for populations with special transportation needs.

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'Our goal is to make the agency a model of efficiency, responsiveness, and leadership,' Pannell said.

"We've already seen the benefits of investing in personnel and productivity and are planning for more successes in 2010," FCEM&HS Director Michael R. Pannell told Franklin County Commissioners at a budget briefing Nov. 24 to review the agency's progress in 2009 and goals for next year.

Pannell noted that after last September's wind storm, the agency helped communities retrieve nearly \$6 million in approved projects to recover from their damage. He said the agency is also obtaining greater amounts of pass-through emergency management grant revenues for our local communities, anticipating a 34% increase from 2009 to 2010.

The agency has revamped its on-call procedures and improved after-hours response capabilities. It also plans to expand use of GIS technology to upgrade EOC capabilities and resource management during a disaster and improve the agency's emergency warning system, including outdoor warning sirens, Pannell told the Commissioners.

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